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For: DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DEPLOYING EXPANDABLE
INTRALUMINAL MEDICAL DEVICES

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner issued an Election Requirement on April 20, 2006. The Examiner required election of a single species from the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Figures</u>
1	5-6
2	8-9
3	10
4	11

Species Figures (cont.)

5	12
6	13-14
7	15, 16A-16D

The Examiner indicated that Claim 1 is generic.

The Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species 1, represented by Figures 5 and 6, **with traverse**. Claims 1 through 4, 8 through 14, and 18 read on this species. Of these claims, Claims 1 and 13 are independent.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the issuance of the Election Requirement. The various species presented in the application simply reflect various alternative structures that can be used to accomplish a desired spacing of a portion of the elongate member from a wall surface of a body vessel during delivery and deployment of an expandable intraluminal medical device. A single search of the relevant medical device delivery system art would be sufficient to support examination of all disclosed alternative structures, and would not impose an unduly burdensome administrative requirement on the Examiner.

For at least this reason, the issuance of the Election requirement is traversed. Reconsideration of the need for an election is respectfully requested.

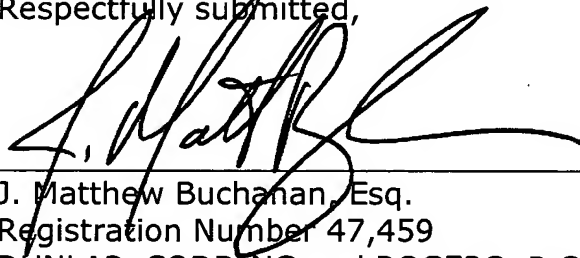
If the Examiner determines that the Election requirement is proper and makes it final, examination of the claims indicated herein as readable on the provisionally elected species is requested. If, however, the Examiner

determines that the issuance of the Election requirement was not proper, examination of all pending claims is requested.

CONCLUSION

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action issued on April 20, 2006. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, or the remarks contained herein, the Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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